

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between the State of Alaska

Department of Natural Resources, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

SUBJECT: Agreement by and between the aforementioned parties (hereinafter referred to as the *Parties*) to collaborate in order to: advance Alaska's geospatial practices; advance Alaska's geospatial holdings, and to make available geospatial information to all interested parties both public and private.

1. **INTENT:** The intent of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to reaffirm and graduate the Alaska Statewide Digital Mapping Initiative (SDMI) and create the Alaska Geospatial Council (AGC). This MOA is in alignment with federal collaborative efforts, primarily the Alaska Mapping Executive Committee (AMEC), and provides the organized and formalized local/regional voice for geospatial endeavors impacting Alaska and the nation.

The former SDMI will become the AGC. The AGC will use the 2011 Alaska Geospatial Strategic Plan as a guiding document regarding the activity of the AGC, funding and cost sharing opportunities permitting.

It is also the intent of this MOA that the Parties will ensure representation on the AGC by other stakeholders with geospatial expertise and interests, including the University of Alaska, federal agencies, local governments, and Alaska Native Corporations.

2. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the AGC is to streamline geospatial activity in Alaska by: eliminating redundant taxpayer expenditures and governmental staff activity; increase efficacy, and eliminate uninformed or misaligned spending decisions across all government business units through the coordination of efforts. The outcome will be a robust and cost effective geospatial platform that can be shared multi-laterally to include the private, not-for-profit, and tribal business sectors.
3. **REFERENCES:** Alaska Geospatial Strategic/Business Plans (2011/2012).
4. **BACKGROUND:** The SDMI was originally sanctioned and funded in 2006 and has been supported and funded through three subsequent administrations. The SDMI's mission was to create an accurate, seamless, and universally accessible digital base map of Alaska composed of satellite imagery and a digital elevation model. The SDMI is on track to complete the base map successfully.

In 2010, the SDMI sought and received grant funding to hire an independent consultant to review the geospatial activities and coordination efforts in Alaska. Stemming from this effort, the Alaska Geospatial Strategic Plan was written and received broad stakeholder support and

consensus. This plan addresses a broader scope of responsibilities than the original SDMI mission.

5. **TERM:** The term of this agreement begins when endorsed by the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, or his designee. This agreement may be modified or rescinded by the Parties.
6. **SPECIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS BY PARTIES:** The Parties agree to support the following actions that advance the overall intent of the MOA:
 - a. Establish representatives from the Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation and Public Facilities as Co-chairs of the AGC;
 - b. Support and mentor the graduation of the SDMI to the AGC;
 - c. Follow the guidance provided in the Alaska Geospatial Business Strategic and Business Plan to advance geospatial activity in Alaska;
 - d. Formulate collaborative funding strategies that support the overall interest and need to support implementation of the Alaska geospatial strategic and business plan;
 - e. Collaborate with and seek assistance from interested federal agencies, local agencies, and others where cost sharing opportunities and other alignments of interest exist;
 - f. Collaborate with all interested stakeholders in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner;
 - g. Mentor the decision process to develop and adopt statewide geospatial policies and best practices;
 - h. Create and promulgate via the AGC Co-chairs an AGC Charter, AGC policy making organizational structure and decision making business rules, and governing documents as needed; and
 - i. Create technical working groups comprised of stakeholders who have demonstrated a working knowledge and expertise in specific matters related to geospatial topics concerning Alaska's geospatial advancement and coordination efforts.
7. **NON-STATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE AGC:** The Parties agree to the establishment of an uncompensated voluntary AGC working group, not to exceed six (6) members.
 - a. The group shall be organized such that it consists of:
 - i. Three board officials will be Alaska resident federal representatives, to be determined, but must include a US Geological Survey position;
 - ii. One Alaska local government official, municipal or borough representative, or the equivalent, having geospatial expertise;
 - iii. One official representing Alaska Native Corporation interests; and
 - iv. One official from the University of Alaska.
 - b. All non-State members will be adopted by an annex to this MOA as approved by the Governor's Office.

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:



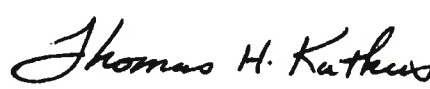
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